



Dear Presidents,

Happy 2018!

"Goal setting should be part of your daily and weekly routines and should not be based on a calendar year or month" - **Lewis Howes**

We are halfway through the PTA year – yet we are at the beginning of a new year. A perfect time to review, reassess and to check that you are on track to achieve the goals you have set for your PTA. January is a good time to review what has worked thus far in your PTA and what might need improvement. Celebrate your successes! Reassess your plans for the remainder of the PTA year to make any changes to improve those plans for the better. Don't dwell on and rehash the mistakes of the past. Everyone makes mistakes. Start anew to correct and improve for the future. Set new goals.

Take note of those around you. Be on the lookout for future leaders. Remember that per your Bylaws no one should hold a specific elected position for more than 2 consecutive years. If that is happening in your unit, it is time to make some changes and get into compliance with your Bylaws. Nominations and elections are right around the corner. Have your nominating committee members attend the **Nominations & Elections Workshop** on January 23rd.

Do you want to learn more about running your unit? Do you have a problem that seems impossible or insurmountable? Nassau Region PTA is here to help. Your AD is always available to assist you. Or is your Treasurer overwhelmed by budgets, balancing the books and reporting to your membership? The **President & Treasurer Raps** are coming up on February 1st. This is a perfect place to bring questions to be answered in a relaxed and informal forum. All presidents and treasurers should attend.

Do you have an issue of concern for which PTA has no position or do you want to learn more about & lobby for an existing PTA position? If there is no position, think about writing a Resolution.

Think about the advocacy opportunities available to you through PTA. NYSPTA is holding a **Legislation Summit & Lobby Day** in Albany this year. You can attend for just the Summit Day on February 11th or stay overnight and attend the Lobby Day on February 12th as well. Another opportunity for advocacy will be Nassau Region's Legislative event on March 3rd **Nassau Region LegCon 2018**. This will now be a half day event and will include a full buffet breakfast. We are very excited that NYS Commissioner of Education, **Mary Ellen Elia, has confirmed her attendance at this event**. Please see the enclosed flyer with registration information and it will also be available on Nassau Region's website. Please share with your members.

So many opportunities to start a new year await!

Sincerely,

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